



Gail Welsh

SKYRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL teacher Gail Welsh is a seasoned educator who still likes adding “quirky little twists” to her daily lessons.

“I like to think outside the box and press my students to do the same,” she said.

One of the hallmarks of Welsh’s teaching career was when she sought out and acquired a large white van from the Clark Public Utilities District. She and her students painted it as an art project.

“For many years that van became a moving billboard for electrical safety,” she said.

Welsh was also an original member of the Skyridge planning committee when it was built in 1996. She and her students passionately researched and lobbied for air conditioning for the facility, and, after seeing the research, the board approved their request. Welsh looks at every real-life situation as an opportunity to involve and educate her students.

“I strongly feel that the Camas School District has a clear vision that every classroom needs to have the best teacher possible for that setting,” she said.